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COMPHIBGRUTHREEINST 5720.1E

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COMPHIBGRU THREE INSTRUCTION 5720.1E

Subj: OPERATION TIGER CRUISE

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5720.2L  
(b) CINCPACFLTINST 5720.21 (SERIES)  
(c) COMTHIRDFLT OPOD 201 (SERIES)

Encl: (1) Sample Letter of invitation Commanding Officer  
(2) Tiger Cruise Medical Endorsement Letter  
(3) Tiger Cruise Intent/Medical Questionnaire Form  
(4) Sponsor Information Form

1. Purpose. To provide guidelines and procedures for executing Operation Tiger Cruise. Commands are strongly encouraged to promulgate implementing instructions.

2. Cancellation. COMPHIBGRUTHREEINST 5720.1D.

3. Background.

a. Operation Tiger Cruise is the unclassified code name for the guest cruise program for guest of service members embarking aboard ships for two or more consecutive days per reference (b).

b. The purpose of a Tiger Cruise is for service members to acquaint relatives and guests with their ships and shipboard duties.

c. The program also increases community awareness of the Navy through the Tiger participants.

4. Discussion.

a. Commander, Third Fleet (COMTHIRDFLT), is approving authority for Tiger cruises per references (a) and (c).

b. Commander, Amphibious Group THREE (COMPHIBGRU THREE) will designate an officer as the CPG3 Tiger Cruise Coordinator to coordinate and communicate with the ship in Tiger Cruise preparation. Commanding Officers will designate a Shipboard Tiger Cruise Coordinator (STCC). COMPHIBGRU THREE may require that the STCC be an E-6 or above. The STCC will familiarize

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themselves with the provisions of JAGMAN Section 1203(d), which establishes the need to report to Admiralty any injuries to civilians.

c. Commanding Officers who desire to conduct a Tiger Cruise are responsible for the organization, direction, and execution per reference (b).

d. Commanding Officers will comply with all provisions concerning force protection and security of information for dissemination to the public. The concept of security at the source shall be followed.

5. Guidelines. Planning for an Operation Tiger Cruise will include the following milestones:

a. Three months prior to ship's deployment:

(1) CPG3 Tiger Cruise Coordinator will host a meeting for ship's representatives to discuss the rules and requirements to conduct Operation Tiger Cruise.

(2) The Commanding Officer will conduct a planning meeting with his Shipboard Tiger Cruise Coordinator, CONUS Coordinator and Ombudsman, to discuss the nature of Operation Tiger Cruise, the responsibilities of the individuals involved, and problems that require resolution.

(3) The Commanding Officer will disseminate Operation Tiger Cruise information to all personnel, and enclosure (4) in order to compile a list of potential Tigers. He should include a brief discretion of the planned Operation Tiger Cruise, and an estimate of all potential costs, including travel to the city of embarkation, living expenses while in the city, meal costs on ship, and return travel to CONUS in the event of cancellation or rescheduling. Enclosure (4), the Sponsor Information Form must be completed by anyone who wishes to have a Tiger invited. The Shipboard Tiger Cruise Coordinator will retain enclosure (4) for at least three months after a Tiger Cruise.

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b. Two months prior to ship's deployment, the Commanding Officer will submit a Navy message request to COMTHIRDFLT, with information copies to COMPHIBGRU THREE, Commander, Navy Region South West (COMNAVREG SW), and appropriate operational and administrative Commanders, to conduct Operation Tiger Cruise. The request will include:

(1) Dates and locations of proposed embarkation and debarkation.

(2) Approximate number by gender of Tigers to be embarked. Ship's desiring to embark foreign nationals must submit a separate authorization request to COMTHIRDFLT.

(3) A request for COMPHIBGRU THREE to designate a CONUS Operation Tiger Cruise Coordinator.

(4) The name and rank of the shipboard Operation Tiger Cruise Coordinator.

c. One month prior to the ship's deployment:

(1) The Commanding Officer will provide copies of the Invitation Letter and entire Tiger Cruise package to COMPHIBGRU THREE for final review.

(2) The Commanding Officer will notify COMNAVREG Pearl Harbor and COMNAVREG SW San Diego by Navy Message of the total number of Tigers to be invited.

(3) The Commanding Officer will send enclosure (1) a Letter of Invitation to all prospective Tigers with a firm cut-off date for registration, along with enclosure (2) Intent to participate, and enclosure (3) Medical questionnaire and Physician's Letter.

(4) As responses to invitations are received the Commanding Officer shall provide amplifying information about Operation Tiger Cruise plans, travel information, and phone/fax numbers and email addresses for the shipboard and CONUS Coordinators.

(5) Unanswered questions on enclosure (2) will result in a "pending" hold for the Tiger, delaying the approval process. Failure to provide required information regarding a patient's medical problems on enclosure (3) will result in

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disqualification to participate. Two copies of enclosures (2) and (3) should be provided along with two envelopes addressed to the shipboard and the CONUS Tiger Cruise Coordinators, and/or Email addresses and fax numbers for the same.

d. One month after ship has departed on deployment:

(1) The Commanding Officer shall forward one Joint Navy and Marine Corps guest list by Navy Message to COMPHIBGRU THREE with information copies to appropriate commands. It will include each Tiger's name, age, sponsor and sponsor's division or department. In order to be approved as a Tiger, an individual's name must be on this list.

(2) Shipboard Coordinators and CONUS coordinator must keep each other informed on guest list changes. Each ship will submit a guest list Addendum message monthly in order to reflect official changes to the original guest list.

(3) The travel designated on enclosure (2) will identify flights for group transportation, including fare, departure, and reservation information.

e. One month prior to the Operation Tiger Cruise embarkation date, the Commanding Officer, in consultation with the Shipboard and CONUS Tiger Cruise Coordinators, will submit the final guest list Addendum message.

f. Final planning considerations:

(1) Since Military lodging facilities are not available to support Operation Tiger Cruise, Tiger group flights will arrive to the embarkation city after the ship arrives, the day before embarkation.

(2) If a ship's arrival is delayed on short notice, Tigers must be prepared to secure and pay for commercial lodging. If Tigers plan to arrive prior to ship arrival, they are responsible for accommodations. Hotel accommodations are expensive and, at times difficult to find. In most instances, persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult in order to rent accommodations. If ship arrival is delayed more than two days, the designated travel agent should try to reschedule the Tiger flights.

(3) Pearl Harbor USO will provide shuttle from Honolulu International Airport to the ship's berth.

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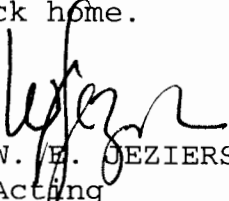
(4) In the event that the ship cannot make its scheduled stop to embark Tigers, Tigers must be prepared to make their own return travel arrangements. The U. S. Government will not accept responsibility for costs incurred in the event that the scheduled Tiger Cruise is cancelled or rescheduled for any reason.

(5) Visitors are prohibited from boarding or remaining aboard naval vessels while loading or offloading explosives. Tigers must depart the ship prior to weapons or explosives handling and must not return until the evolution is completed.

(6) Tiger sponsors should ensure that they are familiar with all requirements and regulations governing Tiger embarkations. Some primary considerations are the minimum age requirement of eight (8) years of age, the need for adequate physical health to meet the rigors of shipboard life and limited medical care, the limitation on rental of commercial lodgings to persons over 18 years of age, and the expense and scarcity of hotel accommodations. Sponsors of minor Tigers will ensure that their Tiger receives adequate supervision from the time they depart the mainland until they come under the sponsor's care. Couples of any kind, including spouses, girlfriends and/or boyfriends are prohibited from embarking during Tiger Cruises. Knowingly sponsoring a Tiger who is married to or involved in a dating relationship with an embarked crewmember constitutes a violation of a lawful order and may result in disciplinary proceedings pursuant to article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

(7) Visas and passports for relatives and civilian guests who will embark in a foreign country are the responsibility of the individuals concerned.

(8) Operation Tiger Cruise participants and their sponsors assume full responsibility for any expenses incurred, for transportation to the city of embarkation, for accommodations, meals and transportation awaiting a ship's arrival, meals on board the ship, and in the event of cancellation, travel expenses back home.

  
W. E. JEZERSKI  
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Dear Prospective Tiger:

It is with sincere pleasure that I invite you to participate in the USS \_\_\_\_\_ "Operation Tiger Cruise (YEAR)" leaving Pearl Harbor, HI on \_\_\_\_\_ and arriving in San Diego, CA on \_\_\_\_\_.

"Operation Tiger" is the Navy's code name for a very special guest cruise program. Ships returning from deployment are permitted to embark relatives and guest of crewmembers ("Tigers"), eight years of age or older, for the transit from Pearl Harbor to San Diego. It provides the opportunity for our family and friends to see and participate in our daily shipboard routine. USS \_\_\_\_\_ is very excited about our upcoming cruise and hope you will consider joining us.

The U.S. Navy cannot pay your expenses to Pearl Harbor for the Tiger Cruise, during the cruise, or in the unlikely event that the cruise is canceled. During Operation Tiger Cruise, your expenses will be minimal. To help minimize the cost of transportation to Pearl Harbor, we suggest a travel agent who is trying to arrange a group flight with reduced fares. If you are interested in participating in such a group flight, please contact the group flight travel agency provided. You should also indicate if you prefer to make your own arrangements.

Any expenses that you have while you are in Pearl Harbor will be your responsibility. Tigers will only be able to board the ship the day of embarkation. Please remember that if you arrive before the ship, you will have to make your own lodging arrangements. You should note that most cities or states will not permit minors (under 18) to fly unaccompanied or to rent hotel accommodations. So, if you are under 18 and would like to vacation before your cruise starts, make sure you are traveling with someone who is older than 18.

"Operation Tiger Cruise (YEAR)" promises to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved. We plan to really show you just what the USS \_\_\_\_\_ can do. I think you'll enjoy all that shipboard coordinator, Lieutenant (junior grade) Joe R. Sailor, has planned for you. We'll have everything from a "Fantail Fiesta" to man overboard drills. If you've ever wanted to get a real taste of Navy life, here's your chance. If you would like to be a SHIP'S NAME "Tiger," please complete both copies of the enclosed forms and mail one to each address provided as soon as possible.

Enclosure (1)

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We expect our list to fill up quickly, so don't wait too long to register. If you're not quite sure you'll be able to come along, please register anyway. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis. Registration must, in any case, be received at the ship and CONUS Coordinator not later than                     . If you answer any questions "YES" or if you listed any medication on the medical questionnaire portion of your form, it must be accompanied with our Physician's Letter. Give the enclosed Tiger Cruise Physician's Letter to your doctor. A Navy physician will then review your questionnaire and Physician's Letter. Every effort will be made to accommodate your medical needs, however, permission to participate in Operation Tiger Cruise may be denied if it is felt that your health and/or safety could be compromised.

Please be aware that couples, including spouses/girlfriends/boyfriends of any sort, are not allowed to embark during Operation Tiger Cruise.

If you have any questions about Operation Tiger Cruise, please feel free to contact the "Operation Tiger Cruise" Representative at Commander, Amphibious Group THREE in San Diego. They can be reached at (619) 556-5191.

The entire crew of the USS                                      joins me in my hopes that you will be part of this exciting event.

Sincerely,

Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

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Dear Doctor,

Your patient, \_\_\_\_\_, has requested to participate in "Operation Tiger Cruise" spending one week aboard a U.S. Navy warship. Navy ships are a challenging and potentially dangerous environment with steel decks, trip hazards, powerful radars, and loud noises. Vertical ladders between multiple levels will have to be climbed throughout the day. It may be hot and humid without air conditioning. Your patient may have the opportunity to fire live weapons. In short, this will be nothing like life on a pleasure cruise. General practice doctors staff most of our ships, but some do not have a physician onboard. Medical care will be limited. The ship will be out of helicopter range of any land-based hospital for several days.

It is our goal to allow maximum participation on our Tiger Cruises. However, individual patient safety is our primary concern and your input is critical to help us decide if your patient can participate without risking their health. A helicopter evacuation in case of a medical emergency is a dangerous evolution for both patient and aircrew.

Please list all of your patient's medical problems. You must comment on stability of conditions and include details about any hospitalizations or ER visits within the past 2 years, and, you must provide details of those events. **Failure to provide this information will result in your patient's disqualification to participate.** Use reverse if you need more space.

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Please list all of your patient's medications and information about any recent dosage change:

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Patients must bring their own supply of medications. All patients with any history of angina, CABG, or significant cardiac disease must be provided with a prescription for SL-NTG even if they are currently asymptomatic.

Enclosure (2)



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Do you feel your patient may safely participate in the Tiger  
Cruise? YES\_\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_

Physicians, if you have any questions, you may contact the  
Amphibious Group THREE Medical Officer at (619) 556-1464 between  
8am-5pm PST. Additionally, we may need to contact you to  
discuss your patient's request. You must provide a phone number  
where our physician may contact you directly. Phone numbers  
that connect to a central automated answering menu are not  
acceptable (we process approximately 700 applications!)

Your direct physician to physician phone number

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**(INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM FOR CPG3)**

**TIGER EMBARKATION  
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM**

Mail to: AMPHIBIOUS GROUP THREE TIGER CRUISE COORDINATOR 3985 CUMMINGS ROAD SUITE 4 SAN DIEGO, CA 92136-5289				for USS ( ) DEPLOYMENT (YEAR) PHIBRON / MEU	
NAME OF TIGER (LAST, FIRST, MI)		DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	OCCUPATION	
ADDRESS/STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
HOME PHONE: ( ) EMAIL:		WORK PHONE: ( ) EMAIL:		CITIZENSHIP	
SPONSOR'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)		RANK	DIVISION/DEPARTMENT		RELATIONSHIP TO SPONSOR
<b>EMERGENCY DATA</b>					
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (CANNOT BE SPONSOR ONBOARD SHIP)					
NEXT OF KIN			ALTERNATE NEXT OF KIN		
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)			NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)		
ADDRESS/STREET			ADDRESS/STREET		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER AREA CODE ( )			PHONE NUMBER AREA CODE ( )		
EMBARKATION AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS					
I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE MENTIONED MINOR, WHOSE AGE IS ABOVE THE AGE OF EIGHT, TO EMBARK ABOARD THE USS FOR THE PURPOSE OF A TIGER CRUISE.					
SIGNATURE OF LEGAL GUARDIAN		RELATIONSHIP TO GUARDIAN		DATE SIGNED	
<b>TRAVEL INFORMATION</b>					
<b><i>(IT IS THE TIGERS RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE GROUP TRAVEL AGENT FOR FLIGHT RESERVATIONS TO HAWAII. DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO THE TRAVEL AGENCY)</i></b>					
<b>Tiger Cruise Travel</b> <b>Phone #(619) 258-1242</b>		<b>Web address:</b> <a href="http://www.tigercruise.org">www.tigercruise.org</a> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:tigercruise@cox.net">tigercruise@cox.net</a>			
I PLAN TO MAKE MY OWN INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL CONTACT CPG3 ONCE I HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO ATTEND THE CRUISE AND THE ARRANMENTS HAVE BEEN FINALIZED.					
I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TIGER (OR LEGAL GUARDIAN) TO CONTACT THE TRAVEL AGENCY ABOVE IF GROUP TRAVEL IS DESIRED. IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER OR NOT TRAVEL IS BY GROUP OR INDEPENDENT, IT IS THE TIGER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ALL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. SIGNATURE OF EMBARKING TIGER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN  _____					

## GUEST EMBARKATION MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

(MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL PROSPECTIVE GUESTS)

<b>1.</b>	HAVE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING? (CIRCLE YES OR NO)		
	YES	NO	SHORTNESS OF BREATH
	YES	NO	DIZZINESS
	YES	NO	HAY FEVER
	YES	NO	EASILY FATIGUED
	YES	NO	STROKES
	YES	NO	SLEEP WALKING
	YES	NO	HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
	YES	NO	CHEST PAIN/HEART ATTACK
	YES	NO	ASTHMA/WHEEZING
	YES	NO	WEAKNESS
	YES	NO	KIDNEY STONES
	YES	NO	ARTHRITIS
<b>2.</b>	IF YOU CLIMBED THREE FLIGHTS OF STAIRS WOULD YOU HAVE TO STOP DUE TO CHEST PAIN, LEG PAIN OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH?      YES      NO		
<b>3.</b>	DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER MEDICAL CONDITION THAT OUR MEDICAL DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED? YES      NO      (IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN)		
<b>4.</b>	DO YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL DIET?      YES      NO      (IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN)		
<b>5.</b>	ARE YOU SUSCEPTIBLE TO MOTION OR SEA SICKNESS?      YES      NO		
<b>6.</b>	ARE YOU CURRENTLY UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE? YES      NO (IF SO, FOR WHAT CONDITIONS)		
<b>7.</b>	WHAT MEDICATIONS DO YOU TAKE AND HOW OFTEN?		
	<b>MEDICATION</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	
<b>8.</b>	IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY QUESTIONS OR HAVE ANY MEDICATION LISTED, OBTAIN A LETTER FROM YOUR PHYSICIAN REGARDING THE ADVISABILITY OF YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE GUEST EMBARKATION. THE LETTER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM WHEN RETURNED IN THE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. (REMINDER THIS IS A SEVEN-DAY UNDERWAY PERIOD.)		
<b>9.</b>	I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, AND AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE FOR MYSELF (OR APPLICANT, IF APPLICANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18).		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF MINOR UNDER 18		DATE	

**(INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM FOR USS \_\_\_\_\_)**

**TIGER EMBARKATION  
INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM**

Mail to: USS ( ) for USS ( )  
TIGER CRUISE COORDINATOR DEPLOYMENT (YEAR)  
FPO AP PHIBRON \_\_ / MEU \_\_

NAME OF TIGER (LAST, FIRST, MI)		DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	OCCUPATION
ADDRESS/STREET		CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
HOME PHONE: ( ) EMAIL:	WORK PHONE: ( ) EMAIL:		CITIZENSHIP	
SPONSORS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)	RANK	DIVISION/DEPARTMENT		RELATIONSHIP TO SPONSOR

**EMERGENCY DATA**

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT (CAN NOT BE SPONSOR ONBOARD SHIP)**

NEXT OF KIN			ALTERNATE NEXT OF KIN		
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)			NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)		
ADDRESS/STREET			ADDRESS/STREET		
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
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SIGNATURE OF EMBARKING TIGER OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

## SPONSOR INFORMATION

SPONSOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RATE/RANK \_\_\_\_\_ DEPT \_\_\_\_\_ DIV \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TIGER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TIGER'S AGE \_\_\_\_\_ TIGER'S NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_

TIGER'S HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TIGER'S HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TIGER'S WORK PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY THAT THIS TIGER IS OVER THE AGE OF 8 YEARS OLD. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT THIS TIGER IS NOT MARRIED TO OR IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP WITH ANY CREWMEMBER. I UNDERSTAND THAT KNOWINGLY SPONSORING A TIGER WHO IS MARRIED TO OR IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP WITH AN EMBARKED CREWMEMBER CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF A LAWFUL ORDER AND MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 92 OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

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SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE